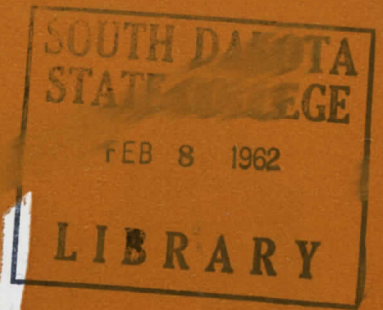


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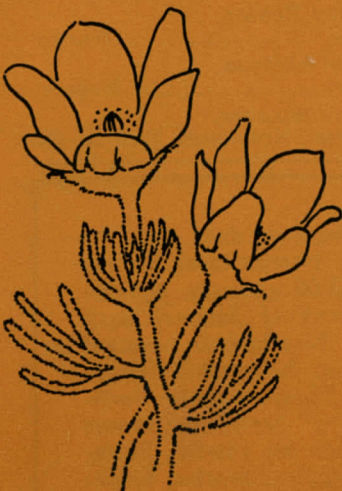
The Apple has a fascinating background and it has been important in world history. R. E. Jack of Arlington, S. Dak., tells that story, and how the apple came to this state. Apples are both his business and his hobby. He has collected over 300 recipes that tell of different ways to use apples. You will find his favorite included in the story found on page three.

All Will Convene in Aberdeen

This is the Convention issue. This is number 78 for the Horticultural Society and number 18 for the Federation of Garden Clubs. Planners have worked hard to work up a program you will enjoy. See it on page 5 and plan to be there June 21-23.

Flower Shows Reflect Interest and Talent

Flower shows around South Dakota are getting better and better. They reflect the ability to grow plants, the artistry of flower arrangement and the entire production requires a certain showmanship of the producers. The largest of the year will be held at Aberdeen in June. Others are listed in the calendar of events. See pages 9, 11 and a story on awards can be found on page 16.



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by DEAN MARTIN
Extension Horticulturist
South Dakota State College
Brookings, S. D.

You missed a lot, if you missed the Donald Sultner-Welles program in Brookings on June 3, 1961. Such words as wonderful, magnificent, outstanding, beautiful, marvelous and many others just as complimentary were floating through the air at the Brookings Senior High School Auditorium following the one hour and fifteen minute showing of colored slides of "Children and Gardens 'Round the World." Mr. Sultner-Welles combined his very pleasing personality with a mastery of artistry in his special type of photography along with some of the worlds finest music to make this an evening that will be long-remembered by those attending. Each new slide that passed before the viewer's eyes held a sense of anticipation and then a few fleeting seconds of memorable pleasure. Each slide was a masterpiece of art in itself, and the complete series was a tremendous, thrilling experience. Thank You, Mr. Sultner-Welles for bringing this fine program to South Dakota.

This is the year of the DAKOTA TERRITORY CENTENNIAL Celebration. This is an historic year for South Dakotans and especially so for the Horticultural Society, one of the

first state organized groups, and also for the affiliated group known as the State Federation of Garden Clubs. Our Convention in Aberdeen this year will be centered around the theme, "New Horizons" and also the Centennial theme, "A Century To Be Proud Of, A Future Unlimited." We will be looking for a big crowd in Aberdeen on June 21, 22 and 23.

The Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce has supplied us with a list of their member hotels and motels. Since all the out-of-town Convention goers will be wanting a good nights lodging while they are in Aberdeen we will list the names supplied. Alonzo Ward Hotel, 104 South Main; Radison Hotel, 214 South Lincoln; Sherman Hotel, 219 South Main; Avalon Motel, 1923 S.E. 6th Avenue; Pheasant Center Motel, 1709 S.E. 6th Avenue; Sundown Motel, 1305 S.W. 6th Avenue; Tesky Motel, 1017 S.W. 6th Avenue; Washington Motel, 619 South Washington. The hotel rates for single rooms run from \$3.50 to \$5.50 and doubles run from \$5.50 to \$10.00. All rooms quoted with bath. The motel rates for single units run from \$5.00 to \$6.00. The rates for doubles run from \$6.00 to \$8.00.

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It's Mighty Hard To Beat the Apple

By R. E. JACK, *Arlington S. Dak.*

"The Apple — America's Favorite Fruit." This was the headline that drew my attention recently. Is the apple America's favorite fruit? In the national magazines I see big colored advertisements of oranges, grapefruit, pineapple, and even lemons; but very seldom apples. Yet the apple is one of the world's oldest fruits, known in parts of the world hundreds of years before the birth of Christ.

King Solomon, with his 700 wives and 300 concubines, is said to have remarked, "Comfort me with apples, for I am sick of love." An apple is supposed to have been the cause of the trouble in the Garden of Eden. Today apples are grown practically everywhere in the temperate zones of the northern and southern hemispheres, and in some of the higher elevations in the tropics.

Once a bitter little crab, it is now a thing of beauty. More than 7500 varieties are known, but only about 50 varieties are raised commercially. Switzerland has 21 million fruit trees, mostly apple, or four trees for each inhabitant. France, in 1956, used 142 million bushel (more than the entire North American crop) for cider alone.

Early settlers brought the apple to this country and by the time of the Revolutionary War apples were very common and cider was a common drink. Through the efforts of Johnny Applesseed and many others, apples were carried westward until today apples are raised in nearly all of our 50 states.

My own acquaintance with apples dates back to my boyhood days in central Wisconsin, where apples were very common. About the only varieties I can remember are Harvest, Dutchess, Wealthy, Wolf River, and the Hyslop Crab. Late each fall an uncle in Michigan sent us a barrel of apples, which included Baldwins, Northern Spy, Russetts, and Tolman Sweets. How we looked forward to receiving that barrel of apples.

When we moved to South Dakota in 1907 we were pleasantly surprised

to find several nice orchards in the vicinity of Arlington. Harvest, Dutchess, Wealthy apples, and Whitney crabs could be had for around \$1.00 a bushel.

But when you think what can be done with an apple, one cannot help but feel that truly the apple is America's favorite fruit. I really believe there are more ways to use apples than all our other fruits combined. For several years I have been collecting apple recipes, and now I have over 300 recipes, each one different in some respect. You can freeze, dry, bake, boil, stew, fry, squeeze, or eat them raw.

My scrap book tells me that I could make 35 different kinds of apple pie. There are the two crust, open faced, upside down, chiffon versions or you can try the Dutch, Swiss, French, or Mexican recipes, or the Vermont, Arkansas, California, or Hawaiian ones.

There are at least 28 versions of apple cake, 30 of apple salads, 46 puddings, and 14 cookies. Or you can make tarts, muffins, pancakes, doughnuts, rolls, fritters, several kinds of bread, and seven varieties of dumpings.

There are 22 ways to bake apples and 13 kinds of apple sauce. If you want something special you can make apple custard, mousse, torte, charlotte, snow, or soufflé.

There are also more than 25 different ways to use apples in meat and vegetable dishes. How about some apple pickles, jelly, jam, preserves, relish, chutney, marmalade, salad dressing, or butter.

There are about 20 ways to make ice cream, sherberts, and frozen apple desserts, and several ways to make apple candy.

Last but not least is apple syrup, apple cider, and apple juice. We have over 100 quarts of fresh frozen apple juice in a deep freeze, so let the hot weather come. Truly, the apple is America's favorite fruit, and also mine.

To those who ask me, which is your favorite apple recipe; I say I do not know because there are so many wonderful ways to use apples. I will give you the one we use most often. It is not too hard to make, you can use most any kind apples, it is good hot or cold, with whipped cream, ice cream, or what have you? It is just a simple apple pudding.

One cup sugar, one quarter cup Crisco or oleo, one egg, one cup flour, one teaspoon soda, one teaspoon cinnamon, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon nutmeg, two and one-half diced apples (peeled) plus one-half cup nuts. Mix and bake at 350 degrees for half hour in a 9x9 inch pan.



R. E. Jack and Apples He Has Displayed at the South Dakota State Fair.

It Won't Pay You To 'Dig' Dandelions

CONTROL DANDELIONS AND OTHER BROAD-LEAVED LAWN WEEDS

If you're thinking of sending the family out to dig the dandelions in your lawn, don't.

That's the advice of Richard J. Stadtherr, horticulturist in charge of turf research at the University of Minnesota.

Unless you dig practically all of the root, your work isn't worth the energy it takes; the dandelions will come right back.

He has two recommendations for solving the problem of dandelions and other broadleaved weeds in the home lawn: (1) crowd out weeds by encouraging vigorous growth of the grass with proper fertilization, reseeding if necessary, watering and proper mowing; and (2) control the weeds with chemicals.

One of the best weapons to fight dandelions and other broadleaved weeds, Stadtherr says, is a knapsack sprayer filled with 2,4-D recommended for lawn use.

Apply the 2,4-D spray on a still day when the temperature is between 60 and 70°F. and when the weeds are actively growing. If the temperature goes up as high as 80°F., 2,4-D becomes very volatile and is likely to damage ornamentals.

Use the spray according to manufacturer's directions. Hold the sprayer close to the ground so there is less chance of the chemical drifting to flowers and nearby shrubs. A low-pressure sprayer will restrict the spray to the plants you wish to kill. Often more than one application is necessary

for the more persistent broadleaved weeds.

Chemical impregnated wax bars are effective in killing dandelion and other broadleaved weeds, as are various weed-and-feed and granular 2,4-D products on the market. The University horticulturist gives this precaution: avoid using a bar close to shrubs that are leafing out. Do not use it if the temperature is 80°F. or higher.

In University experiments silvex (2,4,5-TP) has been found effective in controlling chickweed, knotweed, creeping Charlie and other persistent lawn weeds. It will also kill or injure clover. Usually this herbicide is more effective if it is applied a week or two after a fertilizer application when the plants are still small and when the temperature is between 50 and 70°F.

Though grasses are tolerant to herbicides, careless spraying can burn grass and ruin ornamentals. For that reason, be sure to follow manufacturer's directions in using them, Stadtherr warns.

Do not use chemical weed killers on a newly planted lawn. frequent mowing will control many of the annual weeds that appear the first year.

Let's All Convene In Aberdeen this June

Remember Aberdeen, and send enough of your members and delegates to the convention so that Aberdeen will remember their efforts to entertain you with pleasure.

Small towns nearby are going all out to assist with the planning and flower show, with Webster, Langford, Britton and Groton girls all working to help make it a big success. Bring something from your gardens so you

Viehmeyer to Speak



Mr. Glenn Viehmeyer, assistant professor of horticulture at the North Platte, Nebraska Experiment Station will be one of the principal speakers at the 1961 Horticultural Society-Garden Club Federation Annual Convention at Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Mr. Viehmeyer has been interested in collecting and improving native and cultivated ornamental plants of all kinds. He has been especially interested in Penstemons, Carnation, Chrysanthemums and Roses.

More recently Mr. Viehmeyer has been associated with the development of the new strawberry variety Ogalala. Mr. Viehmeyer's topic at the Convention will be, "New Plants For Old South Dakota."

need not be among those who later tell about the "bigger ones I had in my garden at home."

See Mrs. Bingen's article page 16 for flower show information.

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PROGRAM

78th South Dakota Horticultural Society Convention 18th South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs Convention

June 21-23, 1961

THEME: "NEW HORIZONS"

Tuesday, June 20, 1961

7:30 p.m.—Northwestern Public Service Courtesy Room
State Federation Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 1961

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING

9:00 a.m.—Registration
10:00 a.m.—Convention Call to Order—Mrs. Francis Bingen, State Federation President, Andover, S. Dak.
Invocation—Rev. Richard A. Kline
Presentation of Colors—Cub Scout Pack #51
Welcome to the City—Mayor Cliff Hurlburt
Welcome to the City—Mrs. W. L. Downs
Response—Mrs. Alvin Budde, Madison, S. Dak.
Introductions
President's Report—Mr. Don Johnson, Horticultural Society President, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
President's Report—Mrs. Francis Bingen
Adoption of Convention Agenda
Secretary's Report—Mrs. Oscar Akerson, Webster, S. Dak.
Secretary's Report — Mr. Dean Martin, Brookings, S. Dak.
Election of Federation Officers
12:15 p.m.—Noon Lunch — "Free Choice"

Afternoon Session

Veteran's Memorial Building

1:30 p.m.—Continuation of Business Session
Conservation Pledge—Mrs. Lawrence Elsinger, Dell Rapids, S. D.
Report of Delegate to National Convention — Mrs. Earl Kindred, Miller, S. D.
Committee Reports
District Chairman Reports

2:30 p.m.—Keynote Address

"A Century of Progress"—Mrs. A. W. Davidson, Mobridge, South Dakota

3:30 p.m.—Visit the Flower Show

Evening Sessions

First Congregational Church

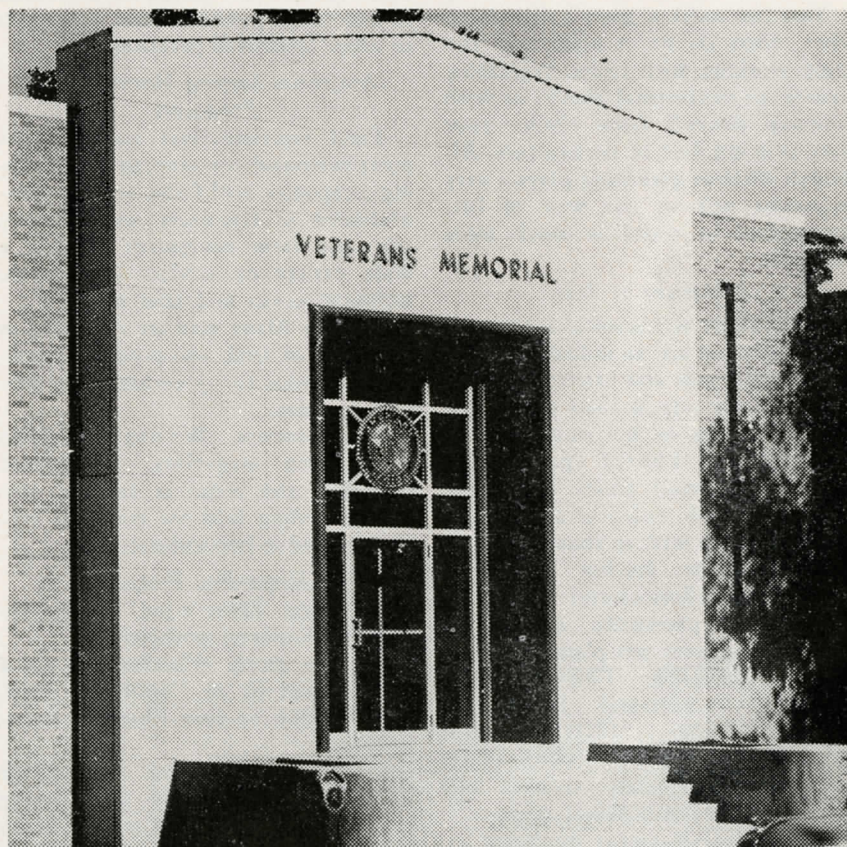
6:30 p.m.—Annual Banquet — First Methodist Church
(½ block South of Veteran's Memorial Building)
Toastmistress—Mrs. Francis Bingen
Guest Speaker — Dr. J. Howard Kramer, President, N.S.T.C., Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Presentation of Awards

Thursday, June 22, 1961

7:30 a.m.—President's Breakfast — First Presbyterian Church
(Open to All)
8:30 a.m.—Horticultural Society Executive Board Meeting
Veteran's Memorial Building
11:00 a.m.—General Session
"New Plants for Old South Dakota"
Guest Speaker—Mr. Glenn Viehmeyer, North Platte, Nebraska
12:15 p.m. — Pioneer Luncheon — First Presbyterian Church
Introduction of Special Guests
Presentation of Awards
2:00 p.m.—Flower Design Lecture—Veteran's Memorial Building
Guest Speaker—Mr. Don Weber, Minneapolis, Minnesota
3:00 p.m.—Coffee Break
3:15 p.m. — "A Future Unlimited"—Mr. Walt Filmore, Pierre, S. Dak.
4:00 p.m.—Closing Business Session
4:00 p.m.—Flower Show Closes

(Continued on page 6)

Host: Aberdeen Garden Club



Place: Veteran's Memorial Building

Evening Session

6:30 p.m.—“Fun Night” (Program by Hort. Society)

Supper at St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Special Guest — “Mr. Conservation,” Professor Milton F. Tostlebe, “Down South America Way!”

“TRICKS AND TREATS” — Good Night!

Friday, June 23, 1961

ANNUAL TOUR

8:00 a.m.—Meet at the Anderson Recreation Center

Near Harrison Street and 7th Avenue Southeast

(Follow the signs)

8:30 a.m.—Tour Aberdeen

12:15 p.m.—Pot Luck Lunch at Anderson Recreation Center

1:30 p.m.—“Sing Your Way Home”

GRADUATING IN JUNE? YOU CAN FIND BRIGHT FUTURE IN FIELD OF HORTICULTURE

A Way of Life

You can make a good living doing what others do for a hobby. If you enjoy working with fruits, vegetables, flowers, or ornamental plants, or with products derived from them, your place is in the field of horticulture. Although amateur gardening plays a very important role in our way of life, horticulture of today is much more than this.

A Variety of Jobs

Horticulture is a science, a business, a profession, an art, an industry! There are as many jobs and careers in horticulture in the city as there are on the farm. Training in horticulture offers you work with: **FRUIT** (pomology). Tree fruits, small fruits, and nuts. **VEGETABLES** (olericulture). Outdoor crops, as well as those raised in greenhouses or forcing structures. **FLOWERS** (floriculture). Outdoor annuals and perennials, as well as greenhouse grown pot-plants and cut flowers. **SHRUBS, TREES, AND LAWNS** (ornamental horticulture and landscaping). **FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROCESSING** (food technology). Freezing, canning and dehydration of horticultural crops.

Numerous Positions Available

PRODUCTION. You can operate

your own enterprise, or manage orchards, vegetable farms, greenhouses, flower shops, nurseries, landscaping services, and processing firms.

MARKETING. Selling fresh or processed fruits and vegetables, seed, cut flowers, floral arrangements, and nursery stock, wholesale or retail, is another interesting type of work for horticultural graduates. Or, you can buy these items for chain stores, government institutions, hospitals, and wholesale distributors.

RESEARCH. Horticultural scientists are constantly seeking new and better ways to improve the yield and quality of fruits, vegetables, flowers and ornamental plants, and to develop improved methods of handling, processing and marketing them. You may specialize in plant breeding, plant nutrition, canning and freezing techniques, growth regulating substances, and many other fascinating projects for colleges, the federal government, or for private companies.

TEACHING. We need many more qualified teachers in high schools and universities, as well as county agricultural agents and extension specialists to encourage producers and processors to adopt improved practices.

Industries Serving Horticultural Producers

Field representatives and management personnel for canning and freezing companies, seed firms, and for manufacturers of fertilizers, spray materials, and farm equipment perform a wide variety of services in research, technical service and sales work.

Inspection. Many men are employed as inspectors of fresh and processed horticultural crops for government or private agencies.

Communications. Writing for farm and garden magazines, newspapers, television and radio is another new and rewarding field for men and women trained in horticulture.

A Rewarding Profession

Good salary. There is no “ceiling” for most horticultural positions.

Interesting work. Whether you are a “desk” man or an “outdoors” man, there's a job to your liking in horticulture.

Opportunity for service. Horticulture offers you a splendid opportunity to help make the world a little better through improved foods and more attractive surroundings.

Well Kept Plantings Make Home Distinctive

Your personality is expressed in the landscape planting around your home's front entrance, says Marvin Carbonneau, Extension floriculturist, Ohio State University. That's why this planting is the most important landscape feature around your home.

A good well-kept planting can make your home distinctive. If guests always use the rear entrance, check these points.

1. Do plants cover the front doorway?

2. Are there snow or ice covered plants close to the front door or hanging over the walk?

3. Is the walk leading to the front entrance clearly marked? You can use plants to direct traffic, Carbonneau points out. Overgrown, messy, rank plants are not attractive. Plants like this discourage guests who must walk through a jungle to reach your front door.

Some evergreens and deciduous plants are thorny or sticky. This also discourages travel along walks, especially if these plants hang over the walk.

Low-growing plants at an entry give visitors a feeling of welcome, says Carbonneau. At the doorway, these plants may define the steps or stoop. Inquire at your garden center or nursery about the plants available for this location. There are several varieties of junipers which require little maintenance and rarely become overgrown because mature plants are quite dwarf and compact.

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DAKOTA HORTICULTURE

Tree Care Workshop Held in Rapid City



About twenty private and commercial grounds maintenance personnel attended the day and one-half tree care workshop held in Rapid City on April 14 and 15. The Workshop was arranged for by Pennington County Extension Agent, Kirk Mears. The workshop was held under the direction of Dean Martin, South Dakota State College Extension Horticulturist. Men of the Rapid City Park Department under the supervision of superintendent Merle Gunderson also cooperated in conducting the workshop. The main purpose of the workshop was to teach and demonstrate the proper pruning and other maintenance practices for trees.



Over 5,000 See Sioux Empire Flower Show

An accredited flower show presented in cooperation with the Federated Garden Clubs of Southeastern South Dakota and the Chamber of Commerce was held as a part of the 1961 Sioux Empire Farm Show.

Each year this show gets bigger and public attendance much greater, which is a testimonial to the tremendous interest in this type of show. There were a total of 270 exhibits. A conservative estimate of this year's attendance at the Flower Show was set at 5,000.

Artistic arrangements using dried materials made up the larger portion of the exhibits. Most of those in attendance considered the entries of high quality in all sections—Horticulture, Crafts, and Junior Sections as well.

The theme for the decorative design section was "Dakota Centennial" divided into five 20 year periods, each period subdivided into important historical events taking place during that era.

Winners in the decorative design sections were Mrs. Walter Mortenson, Sioux Falls, in the open class and Mrs. Richard Abraham, Sioux Falls, in the amateur section. Mrs. Henry Moen, (Continued on page 10)

Space Age Mums?

By MRS. GEO. JORGENSEN

Spring came to my heart this year when I realized that the beautiful big Aksarban chrysanthemum had defied winter terrors and was more sturdy and vividly green than any other mum in the garden.

Even the old Pink Cushion did not have the heavy, healthy growth of Aksarban. With little or no snow cover the past winter, and with no one at home to tuck the covers around him, I had worried for fear he would go the way of many dozens of his predecessors. Each spring we have hopefully set out chrysanthemums that are "hardy" and "early."

We have watched developments from the Minnesota growers; we have enthused at the advances made at the Cheyenne Experiment Station; and have planted the Bird series from Connecticut. Some of them live over one

winter, some two, but few survive the varying conditions encountered here.

Aksarban seems to be the answer for autumn border beauty in our gardens. It is the more noteworthy as a hardy mum because it is a new development in outdoor mums, with huge blossoms and shaggy petals, the result of crosses between the big greenhouse varieties and the earliest of the outdoor mums. It is the work of Prof. Glenn Viehmeyer of the University of Nebraska at North Platte, and is but one of several new chrysanthemums of this type, with spooned and quilled blossoms in shades of pink, yellow, red and orange.

Aksarban was introduced in 1959, and this year Mr. Viehmeyer has introduced others with names such as Astronaut, Asteroid, Starfall, and Apogee, each indicative of the space age in which it was born.

Breeding for these mums was begun in 1946 and for ten long years he pro-

duced thousands and thousands of mums, each different, many beautiful, yet each with some fault such as weak stems, late blossoming, or poorly formed flowers.

In 1957 three seedlings appeared which seemed to offer the desired qualities of a good mum plus the hardiness required by midwest gardeners. These three seedlings were crossed again to produce the introductions named above. Most bear flowers on single long stems suitable for cutting, each plant producing a quantity of fine, sturdy stems and a huge bouquet of blossoms.

Not satisfied with present results Mr. Viehmeyer is continuing his cross breeding with another 100 varieties to bring other characteristics from greenhouse flowers to hardy garden chrysanthemums. As yet the number of introduction ready for the public is limited, but all will be available next year.

BIRDWATCHING—A Lifetime Hobby South Dakota Has Many Advantages

By JUANITA DRISSEN, Britton, S. D.

Joseph J. Hickey, a noted ornithologist, says: "Birdwatching is old enough to have stood the test of time and yet young enough to lie within the age of exploration. By some it is regarded as a mild paralysis of the central nervous system, which can be cured only rising at dawn and sitting in a slough."

South Dakota is an ideal place to watch birds. There are four great flyways in the United States over which birds migrate. Two of them, the Mississippi and Central flyways, are over South Dakota.

There are 8600 species in the world. North America has 650 species of birds, not including subspecies. There are 321 species in South Dakota.

How to Identify Birds

(1) Note size (is it larger or smaller than a wren, sparrow, robin, or crow?)

(2) Is the beak thin or stubby?

(3) Note the length of the tail in proportion to the body.

(4) See whether the breast is clear, spotted, or streaked.

(5) Are there bars on the wings?

(6) Is there a stripe or ring around the eye?

Then check these points against the pictures in "A Field Guide to the Birds" by Roger Tory Peterson, and you have your bird.

We will not repeat the bird identification contest this year. There will probably be bigger and better contests in the future, as the garden clubs increase their birdwatching interest.

Good Birding.

Today millions of acres in the United States are bird sanctuaries in name or effect. The first federal bird reservations were set aside in 1903 by executive order of President Teddy Roosevelt. Now there are more than 290 administered by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service.

In addition, the U. S. National Parks service administers more than 170 park areas where wildlife is protected. In South Dakota the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, the Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, the LaCreek National Wildlife Refuge and the Black Hills area are exceptional areas for birding.

In 1949 the South Dakota Ornithologist Union was organized. It has a publication which comes out quarterly and holds an annual convention, usually in May. The annual membership is three dollars.

Remember that the preservation and improvement of the environment in which our birds live is their salvation for the future.

GARDENING

Through the Eyes of a Poet

By Mrs. Jerry Urbanek
Lusk, Wyoming

You can pause a while each day
To dream all doubtful care away.

There is no better place to dream than in your garden—the one place that can be a reflection of yourself and the way you would like life to be. Perhaps you need to grow vegetables to feed the family, but what joy and satisfaction comes with the harvest—goodness and flavor that you cannot buy. You have created and provided, and such knowledge brings deep joy and satisfaction.

In some part of your garden you plant exactly what you want—it may be roses or glads or humble portulaca. You work with the earth supplying fertilizer, humus, and water. Thus you produce the beauty you most enjoy. You have taken BLACK, LIFELESS DIRT AND CREATED the glowing velvety softness of a flower petal. The young, the middle-aged and the old can all know this joy of creating beauty and producing goodness.

You gather the tiny seeds from a frozen plant and store them away to plant again in the spring—seeing and aiding the eternal flux of life. Grievances of the day take their true place in the scheme of things and become petty nothings when you garden with your hand in the earth. In the winter you sit by the warm fire provided by some ancient form of plant life, in oil or coal, or by wood, releasing its bright energy and warmth. Perhaps you enjoy a bouquet of flowers that you have saved and dried from your garden and arranged into a bouquet; or you study the new seed catalogues:

And while the winter winds do blow

You can those perfect roses grow.

— MY GARDEN —

At home my garden always waits
for me

To give me peace. When in a
restless mood,

Discouraged, discontent, I come
to it,

As a tired child comes to its
mother's arms

I find a soothing answer to my
needs.

The all-important pressures of
the hour

Grow meaningless, for time is
only change;

Another season or another tree
A crimson poppy where a rose
once grew,

And which is better—who am I
to say?

Or when the whiteness of the
drifted snow

Covers the leaves and boughs
from which they fell—

Still there is peace. But you must
leave

The crowds, and walk in solitude
to find

This reassurance that the earth
can give.

Greetings to the State Horticultural Society and The State Federation of Garden Clubs

We Hope That You Will Have a Successful and Enjoyable
Convention

**SOUTH DAKOTA
WHEAT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION**

BLUE DIAMOND FEEDS

DAKOTA HORTICULTURE



SOUTH DAKOTA

Federation of GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

Edited by MRS. GEO. M. JORGENSEN, DELL RAPIDS, S. DAK.

District V Gives \$256.00 To Guidance Center

The first coordinated civic project by all clubs in a district came to a successful climax when District V presented a check for \$256.60 to Dr. Floyd Knowles and the official Board of the Minnehaha Guidance Center. The presentation was made by Mrs. Gordon Thompson, member of the board and representing the District Garden Clubs.

With District Chairman Mrs. Edwin Olson, Dell Rapids, at the helm, the eight member clubs voted last fall to lend financial assistance toward landscaping the new Center located on the campus of Augustana College, in Sioux Falls. A benefit program and lunch with talks and a demonstration on growing glads and flower arranging was the attraction which drew over 250 visitors to Sioux Falls on March 28th. The check represented the profit from the benefit plus additional cash from individual clubs.

Only through the complete cooperation of every club, and the generosity of local florists, nurserymen and commercial concerns who donated door prizes, was it possible to donate this amount. The benefit was held in the Little Theatre at Augustana College. Special mention must be made of the general chairmen in charge, Mrs. G. C. Egge, Mrs. Richard Flint, Mrs. George Domnisse, and Mrs. Thompson. Hostesses for the luncheon were presidents of the member clubs, the Garden Hobbyists, Sioux Falls Garden Club and South Sioux Falls Garden Club, Baltic, Dell Rapids, Lyons, Crooks, Valley Springs, and Bridgewater. Mrs. Harold Williamson, Baltic, was chairman.

Guests who heard Mr. George Summa, George, Iowa, and Mrs. J. Arthur Nelson, Omaha, Nebraska, came from Luverne, Minn., Mitchell, and all the nearby towns.

Mr. Summa, extensive grower and hybridizer for the Vennard Gladiolus Gardens, said that the best time to transfer the pollen for hybridization is in the late afternoon or early evening. Pollen from one plant may be caught in a cup and used on succeeding days to pollinize new blossoms as they open up the stem from day to day. One may expect to grow 2000 or 3000 plants and spend from five to seven years with them before being able to introduce a new variety of quality.

Six interpretative flower arrangements, each one using a figurine of a cat, were made by Mrs. Nelson, National Council instructor and holder of a Life Certificate as a judge of flower arrangements. Her running commentary of subtle humor, historic background, and practical tips for would-be arrangers, as well as her evident pleasure and assurance in demonstrating her work, captured the rapt attention of the audience.

Officers of the District are Mrs. Olson, president; Mrs. Marion Scott, Valley Springs, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Sanford, Valley Springs, secretary; and Mrs. Nels Trobak, Crooks, treasurer.

DATEBOOK

June 8—Rocky Mountain Region meeting, Cheyenne, Wyoming
June 9-10—Wyoming State meeting, Cheyenne
June 12-14—Flower Show School I, Diamond Ranch, Chugwater, Wyoming

June 17—Flower Show, Dell Rapids

June 21-23—SDFGC meeting, Aberdeen, State Flower Show

June 30—Annual Delphinium Tea, "Knights and Ladies," Brookings Armory, Mrs. Eugene Whitmore, Chairman

August 4—Gladiolus Show, Sioux City, Iowa

August 18—Summer Flower Show, Dell Rapids

September 4-9—State Fair Flower Show, Huron, Mrs. Lewis Severance, Chairman

June 15—Deadline for July-August issue S. D. Horticulture

Remember 'Good Old Days' But Work for 'Good New Days'

Though far removed from South Dakota, Hiram E. "Hi" Beebe, Hollywood, California, continues to read SOUTH DAKOTA HORTICULTURE and to offer helpful suggestions to beautify the state. A recent letter to Anti-Litter Aleene Scott, compliments her on her good work and makes the above observation on our centennial year.

It was during the time he was president of the South Dakota Horticulture Society that the SDFGC came into being and he takes a fatherly pride in their accomplishments, and concern over their problems. Right now the magazine deficit, and the replacement of trees is a live issue with him. He suggests a tree planting campaign to replace trees in South Dakota downtown areas would be a good project, and sent brochures on such a project in downtown Los Angeles.

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President's



FELLOW GARDENERS: Why do we risk sprained backs, blistered hands and knees, and depleted pocketbooks so that we may have a garden? Not to mention frozen fingers, trying to keep those plants from freezing which did not have sense enough to stay under the covers till it really was spring.

Now that we survived all that misery, does not the garden look nice? Whether we recognize it or not, most people have an instinctive love for plants which give them sustenance.

Gardening brings us closer to Nature and supplies our craving for Beauty. Some may enjoy the growing of plants from seeds and some may be satisfied with planting the started plants and watching them grow and bloom.

Watching the living plants of Nature will do us all good and will renew our confidence in the rightness of things. In a garden no one can use high pressure salesmanship to make a plant do as they wish. Either you provide the right atmosphere or else the plant will not respond, and talking to it for several hours will not change its mind. This is reassuring in these days when money and talk often does just that.

Have you read about National's new project—that of Curbing Vandalism? It should be one of our projects too, as it is so often seen within our state. If we could organize more Junior clubs and High School Gardeners, we could do a lot to urge the youth

of the state to help teach this to their classmates. We should set up a program similar to the Litterbug Poster contest.

With the convention only weeks away, we would like to hear from anyone who would like to nominate someone in their community for a Pioneer gardener. Drop a letter to me stating why you think some person should be considered a pioneer, and we will write you further details.

We hope that many of you are planning to attend this convention and also the flower show. Many clubs have been busy to assure you a fine time and an instructive one. We should have a good attendance from the men, because we shall have Don Webber from Minneapolis showing us how to arrange flowers.

What with a flower show school in Tyler, Texas, and a South Atlantic Regional Meeting in Mobile, our National Convention in Philadelphia, your president is looking forward to seeing all of you in Aberdeen soon.

MRS. FRANCIS BINGEN

(Note: Apologies to Mrs. Bingen for omitting this from the March-April issue—Dean Martin)

FELLOW GARDENERS—

Another winter has passed with some very excellent results and some not so good. The snow that spread its blanket over the eastern part of our state brought us some welcome moisture. But alas, it also brought with it the rabbit scourge. The writer lost several Almy crabs and a whole lot of Wahoo shrubs. I do hope the rest of you did not have such luck.

I want to thank the clubs that returned the questionnaires to me promptly. My report has to go into National by the first of April so I had time to make up the report early. Many of you did not sign your names but I believe we have all the names of the new presidents now.

This was the first year that I had the opportunity to attend the Empire Fair in Sioux Falls and I wish to commend the members who put on a very beautiful Flower Show there. They know how to handle dried material.

As you are reading this, your president has been back from a vacation in the southland. Not a real vacation as the mail was keeping me in touch with all of you. The convention plans were well started before leaving South Dakota. I hope as many as can, will plan to come to Aberdeen in June and help us put on the best convention ever. We will not have a Litterbug Luncheon; instead, we will have a Pioneer Luncheon to help promote the Centennial this year. The Litterbug Awards will be made at the banquet along with all other prizes except the Bird Watchers. These will again be awarded at the President's Breakfast.

Are you all starting your delphinium plants? You know we are promoting them this year and want to hear how you are doing with them. Make a chart and keep data to help us out.

Send in your preferences for new officers to the chairman of the nominating committee, Mrs. E. A. Locke, Webster. If you are asked to serve, do your utmost to make our organization a success.

Please continue the good record you have made and stress the importance of being an active member, one who will participate in Federation work.

MRS. FRANCIS BINGEN

OVER 5,000 SEE SHOW—

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Baltic, won the plaque in the Artistic section.

Rosettes were given in the Junior section with Cherryl McCaw, Hartford, as winner. Mrs. Harold Limmer, Sioux Falls, was winner in the Horticulture section.

Invitational displays by garden clubs included the Flower of the Month Garden Club and Green Thumb Garden Club, both of Alcester; Tri State Garden Club, Valley Springs; Dell Rapids Garden Club, Dell Rapids, S. Dak.; Garden Hobbyists, Sioux Falls Garden Club and South Sioux Garden Club, all of Sioux Falls.

Co-Chairmen of the Show were Don Johnson and Dick Jones of Sioux Falls.

MEMBERS and GUESTS

Of the State Federation of Garden Clubs and The State Horticultural Society, we welcome you to Aberdeen and invite you to visit our conveniently located drug store while you are in Aberdeen for your convention.

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Flower Shows Reflect Interest and Talent

MRS. FRANCIS NELSON, *Flower Show Chairman*

Your flower show chairman is very pleased with the progress made in flower show staging by our federated clubs. Themes, schedules, and organization show a vast improvement. Well grown specimens, correctly named, proves the knowledge of horticulture and stimulates the interest of both exhibitor and public.

The following paragraph written by Mrs. A. L. Stenberg in the Utah Garden Reporter impressed me so much that I am quoting:

"A flower show is symbolic of a graduation for members of a club. Part of the course consisted in aching backs, broken finger nails, calloused knees and sunbaked skin. With the sun and rain on the good earth, look at the beauty we brought forth . . ."

The other part of the course is equally difficult. We might call it acquiring the technical knowledge of flower show business. The ability to compose schedules, classify entries, display with artistry and system, to point up a theme are all skills not easily acquired but necessary to the production of a successful show. Our fine flower shows are evidence that our club members are being graduated with honors.

Canton, Wakonda, Baltic and The Brookings Garden Clubs are among those to be congratulated for staging their first Standard Flower show. There may be others that have not reported. Do not hesitate to shout of your prowess from the house tops.

Many clubs were making special efforts to improve their flower shows. The flower arranging sessions held by the Dell Rapids club made a noticeable improvement in the artistic division. The Langford club made clever use of game birds and wild grasses to point up the theme "Our Fabulous Birds".

The Hurley club used "School Days" for a theme and chose a School Belle from candidates nominated by local organizations. The voting was done by placing coins in a container bearing the candidates name—one way to replenish the treasury.

The extra work the Petals Pals of Brookings are doing with their Juniors



FIRST—Mrs. John W. Minton of W. Roswell, N. Mex., used three varieties of roses—Golden Chalice, Chalice and Mojave—in this arrangement using two violins which won for her the \$5,000 perpetual challenge trophy, first prize in the national rose arranging competition, the Sterling Bowl Tournament.

resulted in expanded classes for the youngsters and added much to the always lovely Delphinium Tea. This is an annual event for this club.

New and well grown horticulture specimens, as well as outstanding arrangements displayed "Around the World" for a center of interest made the Tri-State show beautiful to behold.

Madison continues to hold their annual Christmas show. I believe they were the first to stage a standard Christmas show in our state. Their club has some exceptional artistic talent.

Some clubs held workshops on flower show practice which will result in better shows this year. All reports have shown imagination and ingenuity and a real desire to improve.

It would be easy to continue with these highlights, but I believe a better way would be for each club to send a concise report, listing theme, special features, etc. to the editor or to the Flower Show chairman, immediately after the show.

South Dakota Judges Had Busy Schedule

Nationally accredited flower show judges are constantly studying, attending shows and lectures, as the following notations indicate.

October—Judges Council meeting at Mitchell with judges Bingen, Kindred, Nelson, Benson, Sherard, Mortenson, Eisenlohr, Locke, Monteith and Jorgensen present for review of Julia Berrall's "History of Flower Arranging" by Mesdames Nelson, Benson and Sherard of Hurley. Judges then attended and evaluated the Mitchell fall flower show.

November—Chicago Flower Show judged by Kindred and Mortenson. Mitchell Christmas show. Home Decor Show at Dell Rapids.

December — Madison and Webster Christmas Shows attended by judges.

January—Sioux Empire Farm Flower Show judged by Bingen, Benson and Sherard. Best in Show award to Mrs. Walter Mortenson.

February — Tyler, Texas, Flower Show School, Course V, attended by Mrs. Bingen for renewal of her Judge's Certificate. South Atlantic Regional meeting attended by Mrs. Bingen, where she heard a lecture and became acquainted with the famed flower arranger and author, M. Benz. Arizona Desert Botanical Gardens flower show attended by Mrs. Dewey Benson and Mrs. Claude Sherard of Hurley. They also visited the Desert Botanical Gardens at Phoenix and took time to read four books on flower arranging. Florida-West Coast Orchid Show at Tampa. International Orchid Show at Miami, and Miami "House of Dreams" flower show attended by Monteith and Jorgensen.

March—Minnesota — flower shows attended by Mrs. Earle Locke. Florida—the Bradenton Rose Show arrangements judged by Jorgensen.

April 24th—Eagle Grove, Iowa, Flower Show School refresher course attended by Mesdames Benson, Kindred, Sherard and Mortenson for the purpose of renewing their certificates.

Throughout the winter the judges have been studying the book "Design in Flower Arrangement" by Dorothy Reister. By means of a Judges Round Robin they have also studied some of the writings of Mrs. W. H. Barton, National Council Chairman of Judges.



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Inga Dickerson, Irene, in the sudden death of her husband, Earl. Mrs. Dickerson will be remembered as the author of 'Trina,' and of many lovely poems. We hope her garden and her writings will help her to fill the void left by the loss of her husband and companion of many years.

We believe Mrs. Francis Bingen to be the champion seeker-after-knowledge among the South Dakota accredited judges, and wonder just how many courses of Flower Show School she has attended. This winter after attending Course V at Tyler, Texas, she went to Mobile, Alabama, where Mr. "Buddy" Benz was the featured speaker at the South Atlantic Regional meeting. Not content with hearing the internationally famous M. Benz, she had lunch with him and then they rode out to "Oakleigh House" on the bus together and had tea there. He had charge of all the decorations at the meeting as well as at this historic house. In the lobby of the Admiral Semmes Hotel where we were staying, he had re-created in miniature the lovely entrance garden of the fabulous Bellingrath Gardens, with fountain and all. We hope Mrs. Bingen shares some of the bits of flower arranging wisdom she picked up from her acquaintance with M. Benz.

The flowers love of sharing has encouraged more and more of our green thumb talent to turn to growing plants for friends and neighbors. If there is a little profit, well and good, but if not, they still have the pleasure of keeping busy at the work they love.

Among those of whom we have heard is Otis Pearson, Miller, who has put up a plastic greenhouse and will be selling plants this spring.

Since nurserymen have become specialists it is often difficult to find some of the rare plants we want, but growing the fern leaf peonies *Peony tenuifolia*, will become the hobby of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Anderson, of near Webster. They have sold their big

nursery to Ray Clark, Sioux Falls, former nursery inspector.

Green Thumber, Evelyn Limmer, 2900 South West Ave. in Sioux Falls, has been enjoying the giant double gloxinias she grew from seed planted in the house. From one packet of seed planted May 20, she had plants in blossom for Christmas, one beautiful deep red with 15 buds and blossoms. She says a greenhouse is not necessary if you have good light. The 120 mum cuttings she planted last spring really put on a show as late as October 18 last year. Her greenhouse plantings were started in March.

If you fail to find what you want elsewhere, Mrs. Evangeline Schnait of the Schnait Nursery on South Minnesota in Sioux Falls, will probably have it as she loves the choice and rare introductions.

East of Sioux Falls the Twin Rivers Nursery is run by a past president of the Tri-State Garden Club, Mrs. Aaron Shafer and her husband. They have been increasing their list of *hemerocallis* as a specialty.

Perhaps the Mehagans at Brookings put their lights out early at night to make those sturdy well-branched *petunia* plants they sell, as we have just learned that shorter hours of light make stronger plants. The Mehagans will have 500 *delphinium* plants for sale this spring.

Mrs. Harry Crisp, Dell Rapids, is another hobbyist whose mania for seed planting took so much space she had to resort to selling her surplus. Seedling *hemerocallis* and lilies abound at her farm home.

Another Dell Rapids Garden Club lady, Mrs. John Hillman, who grows anything and everything from seed; and has enlarged her plastic greenhouse three times in the three years she has been selling seedlings.

Evidently plant life is not interested in Space Life in spite of the Space Age *Chrysanthemums*. Horticultural researchers in Farmingdale, New York, have been trying to test plants with the idea of developing a "moon garden." Testing their ability to defy gravity by growing upside down they found the plants did not like it one bit. They stopped growing and finally died.

We still hear praises for the story on corn husk dolls which appeared some months ago in SOUTH DA-

KOTA HORTICULTURE. In our club (Dell Rapids) Mrs. Ernest Greening, a Gray Lady at the Community Hospital, fashioned wee corn husk dolls to place on the tray of each patient last fall. A little favor gives a lift to an otherwise dull tray and Nellie has many ideas for a little fun with favors like that.

At this time of the year when I hold in my hands the magic specks from which life will soon burst forth in the form of colorful blossoms, I think of the friends who have shared their garden treasures with me, and remember the lines written by Mrs. Lowell Storm, Regional Director from Chugwater, Wyoming. She says "It gives me the very greatest pleasure to receive seeds from real gardeners, picked when plump and mature and lusting to grow. That spark from the mystical friendship of kindred spirits seems to have been imparted to the growth elements."

If all husbands took as much interest in garden club work as Alvin Anderson, whose wife, Inez, is president of the Dell Rapids Garden Club, there might be less cause for family friction. Mr. Anderson has attended conventions and banquets for many years, and now is his wife's escort to flower arrangement demonstrations and other programs. We wish more husbands would develop enough interest to support the many projects and benefits sponsored by our garden club girls.

We were happy to have a misunderstanding cleared up in the last report from the KEEP SOUTH DAKOTA GREEN group. Instead of the \$50.00 donation which we were told was wanted from the garden clubs, they had asked that each garden club pay at least \$1.00 membership per year. This is a very small amount to ask in support of their cause, which is also close to the heart of every garden club, and we hope each organization will rise to the occasion. Dell Rapids Garden Club has purchased a \$5.00 or \$10.00 membership for several years now. These dues are in turn used to help take our state Litterbug winner on a trip to the Black Hills.

"Long Bloomers" are back in the news with this notation from H. E.

Beebe, "Please remember me to Long Bloomers, Juanita." Flowering plants which blossom over a long period of time have always been the aim of good gardeners, so a talk I gave many years ago was titled "Long Bloomers." The title was cause for much good natured ribbing among the fun loving members of the Horticulture Society headed by Mr. Beebe and Mr. Simmons, and they have never forgotten it. One of the modern day long bloomers is the glorious daisy which gave us its golden and bronze blossoms for many weeks last summer. It is wonderful for flower arrangements fresh, and dries to perfection, so gives double and triple value.

Records Are Important Keep Notes for History

Is your club writing and keeping a history? Are you thinking ahead ten, twenty-five or fifty years, when you or some one else will read it?

Over South Dakota and a number of neighboring States; cities and villages are planning methods of commemorating the anniversaries of the first years of the history of each. Our State will this year be compiling a history for the last one hundred years of Territory and State.

I want to urge you to gather and cherish the records of your Garden Club. While there is time, go back and compile the history from the beginning. In a few years you will be happy to have the record of your accomplishments. I would like to have the things that you consider important to add to the facts I hope to gather from each club for the State History.

I want to give you a few of the facts of our State Federation. Our membership reached its peak in the year 1957 with 1505. In 1956 we had the most clubs—56. We can do better, I am sure and it is a record to be broken.

We had the Blue Star Memorial placed in western S. Dak. in 1952. We have had a number of our members honored for outstanding work in gardening. We have an increasing number of accredited Flower Show Judges. They have helped to bring about an increased incentive for more and better flower shows.

We are young, but with the experience we have had we can make a history of which to be very proud, in the years to come. EDYTHE S. MOCK,

State Historian

Garden Club Gleanings

COMPILED by MRS. DEWEY BENSON

Huron Club Studies Cacti

The Huron Garden Club enjoyed a most interesting program on cacti and succulents at their February meeting. Bob Wagner, who writes a weekly article "Green Thumb" in the Plainsman, had on display a wide variety of both cacti and succulents, illustrating his talk with colored slides. Mr. Wagner stressed the fact that cacti can go a considerable length of time without water—in fact the ones he had on display had not been watered since last November. Packets of cactus seeds were presented to each member with instructions for their culture.

Community Club Starts 1961 With Handicap

The Community Garden Club of Miller started 1961 with a slight handicap, their president-elect moved to Pierre, they were lucky however to have a Vice-president that could take over. So Mrs. Burrell Collins is the new president and Mrs. Earl Kindred was appointed Vice-chairman. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Dixon January 31.

A letter was read from Mrs. Scott concerning the litterbug contest and \$2.00 was contributed as membership fee in the Keep South Dakota Green Association. A house-plant was ordered, to be presented to the out-going president, Mrs. Bertiah at a later date.

The book "Holiday and Party Table Settings" by Zelda Schulke was purchased by the club and placed in the Hand County Library.

Mrs. Fred Warren presented a program on Dahlias and Mrs. B. Collins talked on parliamentary procedure. Each member is to try a new 1961 plant for the coming year.

Rapid City Club Entertained

The Rapid City Garden Club met at the First Federal Hospitality room for a pot luck supper with Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Grube as hostesses.

The program was colored slides of "Historical at Williamsburg of Virginia Colony" shown by John Atkinson and taken on a recent trip.

A joint meeting with the Horticulture Society open to the public was held on March 21.

Lyons Garden Club In Full Swing

The Lyons Garden Club started the year out with a full program. January topics were "How, when, and why to prune" by Mrs. R. Thompson, and "Bird Study of Native Birds" by Mrs. A. Thompson. February topic was "How to force branches of trees and shrubs into bloom," by Mrs. N. C. Beadle, and "Everything nice about Dianthus" by Mrs. T. G. Nelson. Members brought table favors and had a Valentine exchange.

In March Mrs. A. C. Lemme talked on "Things To Do As Winter Fades" and Mrs. D. Swanson told about "Tuberous Begonias." Members brought tree and shrub cuttings they had forced into bloom.

Centerville Mourns Mr. McMurchie

The Centerville Garden club mourn the passing of one of its beloved members, Mrs. Jane McMurchie. She had

GOOD OLD DAYS—

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Mr. Beebe mentions that most village trees in our towns were planted by the pioneers from 1884 to 1895—box elders and cottonwoods—which now have reached old age and are disappearing from the South Dakota scene should be replaced.

He understands the obstacles encountered in gardening in the state and cites the example of his brother, M. Plin Beebe, who planted the beautiful elms in downtown Ipswich in the heart of the shopping area. "This was in the dry years, and he personally dragged the hose, 250 feet long, to the trees after his day's work in the hot summer sun, and watered them. Most trees not watered in that time, died, these have flourished." And we might add, have become a living memorial to the man who planted them.

South Dakota Heritage Is Staged at Artesian

For the sake of flower show planners who are seeking themes and classes for later this summer we are happy to print these exciting classes from the Prairie Flower Garden Club's spring show.

Homestead Act (1862)—dinner table arrangement

Indian War Paint—using reds and yellows

Tree Claim (1862) — vertical, all green arrangement

Westward Ho—line arrangement

Gold Rush (1874) — Arrangement using yellow flowers

Calamity Jane — humorous arrangement

Deadwood (Days of '76)—Flowers with weathered wood

Pine Ridge Reservation — featuring evergreen and rock

Spring Flood (1881)—water to be part of the arrangement

Quilting Bee—mass arrangement using a variety of colors

The Big Blizzard—(1888)—All white

First White Child—miniature

Pierre for Capitol (1889)—Corsage for the Inaugural Ball

Under God the People Rule—religious motif

Dust Bowl (1933)—one flower in black container

Old Settler's Picnic—suitable for picnic table

been an active member for years and the last few years an Honorary Member. She was 90 years of age. She was a grand lady, loved by all who knew her.

Sunshine Garden Club Has Valentine Party

Sunshine garden club met on Valentines night so of course all the little extras had to do with Valentines. Mrs. Zilverber gave a lesson on "Raising Perennials from Seed." Several ladies read suitable poems. They also had a Valentine gift exchange and the lunch carried out the Valentine theme.

Town and Country Plan '61 Program

The Town and Country Garden Club of Milbank have an interesting program for 1961. They have five different reports from the National Gardener Magazine; they have 3 tours scheduled, a flower show, a book re-

port, two programs of slides and travelogues, a bird exhibit, a lesson on State Parks, Litterbug, and Tree leaves and Seeds, and of course, such a busy program should and does have a Christmas Party to finish the year.

Brookings Club to Have Variety

The Brookings Garden Club has many interesting programs scheduled. The programs on European and the one on Tropical Gardens should be most interesting. In July a lawn party with a wild flower study, a bird program in May, a study of carnations in February, a flower show and an arrangements lesson, and in October a Nature Walk through the Woods on a Sunday afternoon.

Colome Club Braves Elements

In spite of the rigid weather the Colome Garden Club met in January. The guest speaker just couldn't get there, so Mrs. Frank Zimmerman took over, just goes to prove garden clubbers are resourceful in any emergencies. A bake sale was then planned for February. There are fourteen active and one Honorary member.

Irene Garden Club Theme

The Irene Garden Club has a unique theme "To Do, And To Learn By Doing" for 1961. Firm believers in Club participation the group started the year by each member preparing a short talk on a self chosen subject pertaining to horticulture or flower arranging. Last year the emphasis was on birds, and enjoyed by all.

New officers are: President - Mrs. Earl Dickerson; Vice-President - Mrs. Stanley Peterson and Secretary and Treasurer - Mrs. Charles Christensen.

Active Juniors Assure Dell Rapids Club Future

Dell Rapids Garden Club has a new leader, Mrs. Lyman Merry, for a vigorous and growing group of 19 young gardeners who have chosen to call themselves "Lovers of American Beauty."

This is the largest membership the junior club has ever had. In addition to the regular meetings, with programs given by adults, they have extended their agenda to exhibiting and winning in state and national shows and contests.

In the Smoky Bear Color Contest the entry made by Virginia Lee, president of the club, was among the state

award winners and thereby became an entry in the National Contest.

Virginia received a bird book as her prize from the state contest. Fourteen exhibits were entered in the Sioux Empire Farm Flower Show, under the direction of Mrs. Oscar Berg, former leader of the group, among which were several winners. Ten-year-old Vivian Flamo also won third prize in competition with adults with her arrangement entered in the class, "The Sod House." In the Litterbug Poster Contest, Mary Jo Marsh was local winner in Division I, while Sonya Wall was winner in Division II. Both posters were entered in the State Contest for further competition.

Fair City Hosts 75 at Open Meeting

Slides of the Lehman Crysanthemum Gardens at Fairbault, Minnesota, were the feature attraction at the meeting to which the public was invited by Fair City Garden Club, Huron. Every club should promote an open meeting of general interest to inspire greater gardening activity in their community. The club has made Mrs. Milo Schultz an honorary member.

Ruth is past Junior Chairman for the SDFGC, and a charter member of the club. She has been ill a long time, so this is a nice way to honor her. The club is also planning their annual Tulip Tea and will have had a plant sale before this appears in print. Mrs. E. Febuary is president of the group this year.

Garden Hobbist's Have Coffee Party

The Garden Hobbist's of Sioux Falls had a Farewell Coffee for Mrs. Clifford Scott on January 16. Mrs. Scott, a National accredited Amateur Flower Show judge, is moving to Colorado.

The Hobbist's are planning ahead for the Junior Gardening Course at the Y.W. in spring 1961.

New officers are: President - Mrs. R. Abraham; Vice-President - Mrs. F. Wallner and Secretary and Treasurer is Mrs. W. Polley.

Prairie Planters Plant the Prairies

The Prairie Flowers Garden Club hope to give their town a new face by making an attractive planting of shrubs, trees and flowers on a vacant corner of the Main Street in Artesian, where a number of old car bodies have

been allowed to disfigure the landscape.

Preparation for the event has been made by publicity in the local newspaper, securing the cooperation of the City Council for a Clean-Up Day, and by attendance of the whole club at a lecture on landscaping.

The club stole a march on Arbor Day by planting two Hopa crab trees at the cemetery and have made provision for their future life by securing the promise of the caretaker to keep them watered. Such a solid foundation of preparation should insure the success of any program. Mrs. Stealla Rowan authored the publicity, and Dean Martin, Extension Horticulturist from State College, was the speaker on landscaping presented at the 4-H County Building. This small club is also making plans for their annual tulip tea.

Aleene Scott, our Anti Litter, has over 100 Delphinium plants transplanted into pots in mid-April from half a pocket of seed.

Irene Readies Roadside Park Plans

Mrs. Earl Dickerson, repeating a stint as president of the Irene Garden Club, has enthusiastic plans for a roadside park in that area.

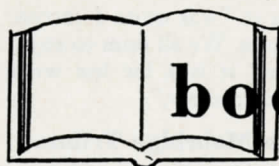
Dell Rapids Program Includes Natural Resources

Visiting gardens through the camera's eye has been favorite program material for Dell Rapids Garden Club this winter. Husbands and sons of members have visited Europe and brought back vivid pictures and glowing stories of garden beauty, agricultural progress, and scenic grandeur.

Mr. Ernest Greening presented an European Travelogue in January, with accompanying movies taken during a ten weeks tour, while David Merry, International Farm Youth Exchange Student, narrated his experiences and showed slides of his life and contacts during a six months stay on farms, with a talk entitled "Denmark is a Lovely Country."

Theme for the new year is Centennial Gardening, with a few moments of each meeting devoted to learning a bit about South Dakota's natural resources. South Dakota Wild Flowers a paper written by Honorary member, Mrs. C. E. Dallison, was a feature of the March meeting. The program in-

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book review

By JUANITA
JORGENSEN

ART OUT OF DOORS

By Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaar.
\$3.50. National Council Books,
Box 4965, Philadelphia 19, Pa.

It took a book written almost 70 years ago to make me realize the extent of our need for the study of landscape design, and to show that the landscaping precepts set forth by Mrs. Van Rensselaar in 1893 are only now beginning to reach the masses.

There are yet millions of people who build their homes "like a box on the floor" with no knowledge or attempt to make "its walls seem integrally united to Mother Earth." ART OUT OF DOORS was reprinted by National Council to meet the rapidly growing demand for knowledge in this field and is required reading for the Landscaping Design courses which are now almost as popular as Flower Show Schools.

Until I read ART OUT OF DOORS, I fondly thought our split-level homes and up and down landscaping was the product of our most daring and sophisticated landscape architects, only to learn that the idea was old to Mrs. Van Rensselaar in 1893. Instead of the commonplace flat lawn we have been taught to like she recommended a hilly or broken and irregular site and said, "Such sites are apt to be best of all if thought and skill are brought to bear upon them—for a union of natural and architectural features."

Her advice for what we now call foundation plantings is also as modern as today when she advises a variety of plantings so as not to "obliterate the architects design and turn a picturesque

into a monotonous picture."

The author makes no attempt to teach her readers to become their own landscape gardeners but to plead the cause of good taste by showing how and why the art should be practiced as are the other arts of good design. All the fundamentals of good design are contained in this book and almost every statement is amazingly modern in its concept. This is a practical book as well as a treasure of a by-gone age to add to your library shelf and National Council is to be congratulated for having it reprinted.

Driftwood in the Home

By Florence Schaffer. Hearthside Press,
East 28, N. Y. \$3.95.

After writing two books containing a total of 259 pictures, and experimenting with weathered and rotting woods for many years, Mrs. Schaffer still says she feels she "has barely scratched the surface of the many possibilities in any of the woods I have worked on." "Driftwood in the Home" was written in answer to the requests for more on the subject of weathered woods by readers of her first book.

If you have ever examined the beauty in a piece of wood and sighed because you could not imagine how to make use of it, this book will give you 110 ideas, with pictures to prove their feasibility. Specific directions for handling twelve different varieties of wood, plus driftwood from the east coast, make up one of the interesting chapters of this book. There is a use for driftwood in every room in the house as "Driftwood in the Home" will show you.

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cluded a symposium on annuals by Mrs. John Hillman and Mrs. Oscar Berg. Mrs. Alvin Anderson is president of the club this year.

Rural Circle Members Practice What They Preach

With the theme "Beauty is Everybody's Business," the Rural Garden Circle make it their business to extend beauty by way of plants and plantings to everyone with whom they come in contact. Their first program of the year is "Beauty Begins at Home," but after that they branch out to the Shut-Ins, the South Dakota Children's Home, and the flower shows which educate and inspire the public. Their active beauty business also includes the care and planting of their church borders and grounds. One program includes "Summer Beauty Preserved for Winter's Enjoyment."

Webster Gardeners Help Make "Petunia Capital"

Mrs. Earle Locke is doing her bit to make Webster the "Petunia Capital" by planting many flats of petunias, which were already large enough to be hardened off in mid-April. Like all the Webster garden club members, Mrs. Edith Eisenlohr is enthusiastic over their projects. Of their winter flower

show she says it "was quite a success, with 350 visitors. We all seem to enjoy it so much and it is a lot less work than our summer show."

Quote from Mobridge Tribune

"The Mobridge Garden Club is hereby nominated as the organization most susceptible to meeting date conflicts. The February meeting was held in January because of a conflicting event, and according to the Citizens Bulletin Board the March meeting will be held in February. If I were more of a gardener I'd attend the upcoming meeting because they have the most tantalizing topic. Tom Nick is to speak on Hot Beds and Cold Frames." The item was sent to us by Mrs. Alfred Bastian, Secretary of the club and was written by Don Lundberg, editor.

Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Rhoads Honored at Mitchell

December was awards time for the Mitchell Garden Club members after staging four flower shows this season. Bronze plaque awards are made by the National Bank of Mitchell on the basis of points accumulated on entries in the floral design section and in floriculture during the season. Mrs. Tom Freeman and Mrs. Fay Rhoads were the winners in these respective categories for 1960, and received plaques after the show. Mrs. R. A.

Kelly was also honored for having the best design in the December show, "Winter Curtain Call," with her entry of My Fair Lady. Mitchell is the only place we know which sponsors four shows a season.

Colorado Springs Club Appreciates Alice Platt

First hand knowledge of the C. A. Storage of apples as witnessed on a Peach Ridge Michigan Fruit Farm, was the basis for a talk by Alice Platt at the meeting of the Garden Club of Colorado Springs, Colorado, in March. Miss Platt also contributed two original poems, one of which had been published in a national program booklet. A "Catalog Flower Show," was an unusual feature in which the entry made by Alice won one of the five top prizes. Now what, pray tell us, is a Catalog Flower Show?

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Strength of body, peace of mind,
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Draws inspiration from above;
Who plants a seed in upturned sod

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—Alice H. Platt

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